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Docket No. 03-101-2
Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD
APHIS - Station 3C71
4700 River Road
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Riverdale, MD 20737-1238

Re: **Docket No. 03-101-2**

To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing regarding the above referenced Docket No. and APHIS's intent to prepare an environmental impact statement in consideration of a petition received from Monsanto and The Scotts Company for approval of creeping bentgrass.

I understand that the Bureau of Land Management as well as the U. S. Forest Service oppose the approval of this GE grass because they would lose the ability to use Roundup for weed control and to keep this GE bentgrass out of national parks and forest lands.

I think you should also consider that creeping bentgrass is a perennial, wind-pollinated species that has the potential to cross-pollinate with numerous wild relatives. I've been told that no other commercially genetically engineered organism is a perennial with this potential.

I've read that in a recent EPA study, there was evidence of "multiple instances at numerous locations of long distance viable pollen movement from multiple source fields of GM creeping bentgrass." Additionally, the study found that the bentgrass had the potential to cross-pollinate with species up to 13 miles away! This is environmentally dangerous.

If approved, this bentgrass could end up on thousands of golf courses and millions of private lawns across the country. This would ensure contamination by GE grass! This should not be allowed to happen!

Also, please consider Monsanto's long history of lies, corruption, and complete disregard for human health and our environment!

I applaud your commitment to conducting an environmental impact statement on this GE organism. I sincerely think that any GM bentgrass has the potential to impact our environment in an extremely negative way!

Please do not approve genetically engineered creeping bentgrass.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



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